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UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Reports from San Francisco, Cal. Plague-prevention work at San Francisco and Oakland, and in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, Cal.

Surgeon Blue reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Last case of human plague: Sickened, January 30, 1908.

Last case of rodent plague: October 23, 1908.

Week ended August 28, 1909.

Sick inspected.....	1
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	93
Plague.....	0
Premises inspected.....	1, 785
Houses disinfected.....	9
Houses destroyed.....	3
Buildings condemned.....	8
Nuisances abated.....	152
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Rats found dead.....	38
Rats trapped.....	2, 259
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Total rats taken.....	2, 297
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Rats identified:	
Mus norvegicus.....	1, 675
Mus rattus.....	52
Mus musculus.....	523
Mus alexandrinus.....	9
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Total.....	2, 259
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Rats identified as to sex:	
Male.....	935
Female.....	852
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Total.....	1, 787
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Rats examined bacteriologically.....	1, 258
Plague rats.....	0
Poisons placed.....	23, 067
Rats infected to date.....	398

OAKLAND, CAL.

Last case of human plague: Sickened, July 17, 1908.

Last case of rodent plague: Trapped, December 1, 1908.

Week ended August 28, 1909.

Dead inspected.....	23
Plague.....	0
Necropsies held.....	1
Premises inspected.....	331
Premises reinspected.....	154
Premises cleaned.....	34
Garbage cans installed.....	12
Nuisances abated.....	46
Rats found dead.....	28
Rats trapped.....	721
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Rats identified:	
<i>Mus norvegicus</i>	690
<i>Mus rattus</i>	1
<i>Mus musculus</i>	58
Total.....	749
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	691
Plague rats.....	0
Ground squirrels shot.....	170
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	170
Plague squirrels.....	0

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL. (EXCLUSIVE OF OAKLAND).

Week ended August 21, 1909.

Last case of human plague, sickened 10 miles east of Sunol, July 27, 1909.	
Last case of rodent plague, found August 21, 1909.	
Dead inspected.....	51
Plague.....	0
Necropsies held.....	3
Ranches inspected.....	47
Ground squirrels shot.....	244
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	231
Ground squirrels infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	4
Ground squirrels infected to date.....	6

Plague-infected ground squirrels obtained from the following places:

August 17, 1909.

Joung Brothers' ranch.....	1
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August 18, 1909.

R. Byrne's ranch.....	1
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August 21, 1909.

Mussers's ranch.....	1
M. J. Overacher's ranch.....	1

Week ended August 28.

Last case of human plague, sickened 10 miles east of Sunol, July 27, 1909.	
Last case of rodent plague, found August 26, 1909.	
Dead inspected.....	58
Plague.....	0
Necropsies held.....	4
Ranches inspected.....	65
Ground squirrels shot.....	443
Ground squirrels trapped.....	1
Ground squirrels found dead.....	1
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	435
Ground squirrels infected with <i>B. Pestis</i>	5
Total number of ground squirrels infected to date.....	11
Acres covered with poison.....	16
Poisons placed.....	930

Plague-infected ground squirrels obtained from the following places:

August 22, 1909.

Joung Brothers' ranch.....	1
Brown Brothers' ranch.....	2

August 26, 1909.

Mussers's ranch.....	1
Morse's ranch.....	1

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL. (EXCLUSIVE OF POINT RICHMOND).

Week ended August 21.

Last case of human plague: Sickened, July 21, 1908.

Last case of rodent plague: Found, August 21, 1909.

Dead inspected.....	2
Plague.....	0
Ranches inspected.....	134
Ground squirrels found dead.....	11
Ground squirrels shot.....	1, 446
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	1, 451
Ground squirrels infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	10
Total number of ground squirrels infected to date.....	184

Plague infected ground squirrels obtained from the following places:

August 16, 1909.

Realty Syndicate Company tract.....	1
Taylor's ranch (Sarah Wilson).....	3

August 17, 1909.

Ginochos ranch (S. L. & Co.).....	1
Southern Pacific tracks.....	1

August 18, 1909.

Montgomery ranch (Williams).....	1
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August 20, 1909.

D. Fernandez tract.....	1
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August 21, 1909.

Bonnicksen ranch (Hyde & Schneider).....	1
Meredith ranch.....	1

Week ended August 28.

Last case of human plague, sickened July 21, 1908.

Last case of rodent plague, found August 28, 1909.

Dead inspected.....	2
Plague.....	0
Ranches inspected.....	154
Ground squirrels shot.....	1, 554
Ground squirrels trapped.....	10
Ground squirrels found dead.....	12
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	1, 546
Ground squirrels infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	7
Total number of ground squirrels infected to date.....	191

Plague-infected ground squirrels obtained from the following places:

August 21, 1909.

Barry's ranch.....	1
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August 23, 1909.

Barry's ranch.....	1
Meredith's ranch.....	1
Keller's ranch.....	1

August 24, 1909.

Barry's ranch.....	1
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August 26, 1909.

Brown Brothers' ranch.....	1
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August 28, 1909.

Barry's ranch.....	1
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